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SUBJ: JOINT CONSULATE SCHOOL MEDAN

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY YET TO AMBASSADOR'S AUGUST 13 LETTER TO MINISTER FOR EDUCATION REQUESTING HE ASSIST IN PROVIDING INTERIM SOLUTION FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE SCHOOL PROBLEMS. WE ARE FOLLOWING UP LETTER.

2. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED MEDAN SCHOOL PROBLEM WITH MINISTER FOR JUSTICE ON SEPTEMBER 19. MINISTER WAS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR PROBLEMS BUT CONFIRMED THAT SCHOOL PROBLEM OUTSIDE JAKARTA RELATED TO CHINESE QUESTION AND SAID UNTIL IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTION FOR JOINT MINISTERIAL DECREE OF MARCH 18, 1974 DRAFTED AND PROMULGATED LITTLE CAN BE DONE. HE CONFIRMED THAT PROBLEM IS THAT OF DRAWING UP A SUITABLE REGULATION TO PROHIBIT ATTENDANCE AT FOREIGN SCHOOLS IN INDONESIA BY INDONESIAN-CHINESE BUT THERE IS RELUCTANCE ON GOVERNMENT'S PART TO BE THAT SPECIFIC.

3. THE MINISTER SUGGESTED ONE WAY OUT OF YOUR PROBLEMS MIGHT BE TO MAKE THE SCHOOL A PART OF MOBIL OR UNION OIL COMPANY OR OF PERTAMINA. WE NOTE THAT THE UNION OIL COMPANY SCHOOL IN BALIKPAPAN SEEMS TO BE OPERATING SUCCESSFULLY AS UNION OIL COMPANY ORGANIZATION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF PERTAMINA. IT HAS ABOUT 65 PUPILS IN

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GRADES 1-9 AND KINDERGARTEN. PERTAMINA'S APPROVAL WAS

OBTAINED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL. OF THE
SCHOOL'S 6 EXPATRIATE TEACHERS (PRESUMABLY ALL AMERICAN)
4 ALREADY HAVE WORK PERMITS. THESE WERE OBTAINED BY
SUBMITTING WORK PERMIT APPLICATIONS THROUGH PERTAMINA,
WHICH THEN ARRANGED THE NECESSARY FURTHER DETAILS. WORK
PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OTHER TWO TEACHERS HAVE BEEN
SUBMITTED THROUGH PERTAMINA.

4. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE ANY OVERRIDING OBJECTION, WE
PROPOSE TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH MOBIL AND UNION OIL
JAKARTA HEADQUARTERS THE IDEA OF INCORPORATING THE SCHOOL
INTO MOBIL OR UNION OIL. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS/
SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS BUT WOULD
PREFER YOU NOT RAISE QUESTION IN MEDAN.
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